

The Last Shall be First

On Thursday, March 20th, we shall announce our formal opening of Spring Apparel. Of our efforts and productions we shall tell you about later in the week.

For 3 Days, Beginning To-morrow Morning,

we are going to give you an opportunity to buy Men's and Boys' Spring-Weight Suits and Extra Trousers, which we carried over from last Spring and Summer at

EXACTLY HALF PRICES.

The qualities are good, the styles are correct and desirable, and our only motive in selling them at these enormous reductions is solely in accordance with our rule to show an absolutely fresh and new stock each season.

Every style of Man's and Boy's Suit will be represented and all at Half Prices.

Men's \$10.00 Suits reduced to \$ 5.00	Boys' \$3.00 Suits reduced to \$1.50
Men's 12.50 Suits reduced to 6.25	Boys' 4.00 Suits reduced to 2.00
Men's 15.00 Suits reduced to 7.50	Boys' 5.00 Suits reduced to 2.50
Men's 20.00 Suits reduced to 10.00	Boys' 6.50 Suits reduced to 3.25
Men's 25.00 Suits reduced to 12.50	Boys' 7.50 Suits reduced to 3.75

\$3.00 Men's Trousers reduced to..... \$1.50	CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS.
5.00 Men's Trousers reduced to..... 2.50	25c for the 50c Suits. 75c for the \$1.50 Suits.
7.50 Men's Trousers reduced to..... 3.75	\$1.25 for the \$2.50 Suits.

ALSO FIFTY SPRING-WEIGHT TOP-COATS AT HALF PRICE.

Gans-Rady Company

HEAVY WORK NEAR BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS

The Norfolk and Western Is Rapidly Pushing Its Work of Track Improvement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA., March 21.—So far March has defied its reputation, as it has given us mild and balmy weather, with ample rain and no cold blistering days. This has enabled those interested in farming and garden operations to push ahead. Apricot and peach trees are in blossom, and a careful examination gives the gratifying assurance that a fair crop may be expected. The great force at work in the summit cut of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, now approaching from the east and the other from the west, are now within a few feet of each other, and by the time this is in print their steam drills will cease to plunge and the mountains cease to echo and re-echo the detonations from the dynamite discharges. This, however, only refers to a section of about four hundred yards, through solid limestone rock, about thirty feet from track bed to summit. That this stupendous work could be carried on while an average of over thirty trains were moved daily through this narrow mountain defile, and no damage sustained, is a signal triumph to modern engineering. Yet, after all, most credit should be given to the two sturdy veterans, Moss and Lettich, who bossed the two gangs. On the eastern slope, driving in the direction of Montvale, are three other gangs. The first one east of the summit is working where the mammoth bones were found, and in a talk with the foreman he remarked to your correspondent: "This earth and mixed up rock looks like it was once the bottom of an old pond." To any one interested in geological formations this section is intensely interesting. As Major Jed. Hotchkiss remarked, a "fault in nature" is visible in many places. Undulation after undulation must have surged in cyclopean fury along this eastern slope, and overlapped its folds in numerous instances. A writer in "The Southerner" of recent date says that he worked with one force that built this and in the early fifties of the late cen-

DESIRABLE PROPERTY

An Executor's Sale at No. 228 West Broad To-morrow Afternoon. There will be in executor's sale to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock of the property No. 228 West Broad Street by Messrs. J. B. Elam & Company. The sale is to settle an estate, and will afford an opportunity for a very desirable investment.

PLEASANT NIGHT WITH COMPANY H

Medal Won by Sergeant Ridgeway: Sword Presented to Captain Baptiste.

Thursday evening Company H, Seventh Regiment, gave a magnificent drill and delightful performance. The army was handsomely illuminated, and at 8:15 was crowded to its extreme capacity by the friends of the company. At 8:30 the company assembled in full fatigues uniform, commanded by Captain Theodore Baptiste, with forty-nine men in line. The company then engaged in a short drill, after which Captain Baptiste offered a gold medal to the best drilled man. The entire company gave a beautiful drill, and each man struggled hard for the prize; and after a long and hard fought contest, the medal was won by Sergeant Ridgeway. The most pleasing feature of the evening was when the company presented Captain Baptiste with a beautiful sword. Adjutant C. Gray Boswell made the address in a peculiarly fitting manner, highly complimenting both Captain Baptiste and the company. After this pleasant incident the company was marched to its private room and dismissed. The German then began and lasted until a late hour.

CONGRESSIONAL TALK IS HEARD

Some Fights That Are Brewing for Next Year in Virginia.

While the congressional battles of 1904 are more than a year off, much talk is already going the rounds of the politicians as to probable candidates in the various districts. This state of things is entirely in keeping with Virginia politics and politicians, and the latter are always firing shots on futures. In the First District the Hon. William A. Jones, the brilliant dean of the Virginia delegation, who, up to this time, has proved invincible before his people, will likely have no opposition. But little is heard of the Second so far, but here in the Third the friends of the Hon. D. C. Richardson, who is known as "Honest Davey," are already urging him, with some hope of success, to enter the race. Judge Richardson is a strong man before the people. If he and Captain Lamb and Mr. Jefferson Wallace shall all stand, a lively race will be had. Congressman Southall, being a new member, may not have opposition in the Fourth, and Congressman Swanson will likely stand a pretty good chance to get back. Mr. Glass seems to have a pretty swing in the Sixth, and the same may be said of Mr. Hay in the Seventh. Mr. Rixey will likely have opposition in the Eighth in the person of Dr. R. N. Harper, of Loudoun, but one Congressman's friends say he will win out. Senator R. P. Bruce's friends (and they are legion) will insist upon putting him up in the Ninth, and there may be many other candidates. "The Tenth is always a 'scrapping ground,'" and many good judges of political futures are of the opinion that ex-Congressman Henry St. George Tucker is preparing to enter the struggle against his kinsman and old antagonist, Hon. H. D. Flood. Both of these men are young, brilliant and popular, and, figuratively speaking, would set the district afire should they enter the arena together again.

Retreat Returns Thanks. The Board of Managers of the Retreat for the Sick desire to return thanks to the many friends who so kindly remembered them on donation day.

MINIATURE TUSKEEGEE

Splendid Work of Woman's League Training School.

DIRECTORS MAKE REPORT

They Are Thoroughly Pleased With the Work of the Institution and Its Results—The Hospital is a Unique Feature.

On North Third Street, between Marshall and Clay Streets, there is an institution which bids fair to achieve some of the happiest results. It is the Woman's League Training School. It is a school designed for the uplifting of the colored race by teaching them the value and dignity of labor and the advantages of system, order and cleanliness. It is a miniature, Tuskegee, and its founder and moving spirit, Dr. R. E. Jones, is a lesser Booker Washington, working along the same lines as the great leader. The school has a Board of Directors, made up of women exclusively, who control its workings. An Advisory Board, consisting of some of the leading citizens of the city, overlooks the running of the school. This board paid a visit to the school on Friday afternoon, inspected the institution and declared themselves greatly pleased with all they saw. The Advisory Board organized by electing Mr. Joseph Bryan president, and Rabbi E. N. Calisch, secretary. They have prepared the following statement for the public: The Advisory Board of the Woman's League Training School, having visited and inspected the school, desire to express themselves as thoroughly pleased with the work of the institution and its results. The school has been in existence four years, and in that period has bought and equipped a building, with departments for instruction in cooking, sewing and housekeeping. A hospital, with an operating room and provision for the training of nurses, is a feature of the school. The board, in finding these various departments in a state of excellent efficiency, with results justifying every expectation of accomplishment, the purpose of the institution, feels that it can properly and confidently recommend it. The value of the school, over and above its tangible results, as an uplifting educational force, cannot be overestimated. It dignifies labor and elevates service. The board further finds that the funds have been judiciously and economically administered. It has no hesitation in commending the institution to the fullest moral and financial support of the public.

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JOSEPH BRYAN, JOHN L. WILLIAMS, VIRGINIUS NEWTON, EDWARD N. CALSCH, J. W. HARRISON, W. I. JOHNSON, POLK MILLER, J. H. CAPERS, DR. R. E. JONES, R. W. ROBINSON, R. G. RENNOLDS, A. D. PRICE.

DAVIS MONUMENT

Amounts Received by the Treasurer Since the Last Report. The following amounts have been received by the treasurer of the Davis Monument Association since last report: Turner Ashby Chapter, Harrisonburg, Va., \$31.00; Tom Barker Chapter, Ghent, Ky., 20.00; Mrs. Oscar Denton, Mississippi, 5.00; Mrs. Annie P. Rittenour, 5.00; Barton Chapter, Cartersville, Ga., 5.00; Murray Chapter, Columbia, 10.00; John W. Durham Chapter, Wilson, 10.00; Capt. S. E. White, Fort Mills, S. C., 5.00; Children of Fayetteville Graded School, 3.32; Red Springs Chapter, Red Springs, N. C., 49.00; General W. B. Cox, Edgecomb Co., 20.00; Winnie Davis Chapter, Columbia, Tenn., 6.00; Arthur Webster Chapter, Children of Confederates, 5.00; Mr. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., 20.00; Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Snowden, Walter Barker Chapter, Mississippi, 3.00; Los Angeles Chapter, California, 65.00.

WANTS TO KNOW

Capt. Cunningham Asked to Ascertain the Whereabouts of a Man. Captain Frank Cunningham has received the following letter from Mr. Thomas H. Barnes, Elwood, Va. Any one knowing anything about the matter referred to would oblige Captain Cunningham by communicating with him: I write to inquire if you know a man in Richmond whose name is William Myers (or Myers). I am trying to locate him for a specific purpose. He formerly lived in this (Nansomond) county, but has been living in Richmond or Manchester, Va., a long time. We would be kind enough to find his habitation (number and street) in Richmond or in Manchester. I am pretty sure he is in Richmond. He is a very old man.

NEW APPORTIONMENT

Gossip about the Capitol has it that Senator W. C. C. Smith, of Norfolk, will shortly offer in the upper branch of the General Assembly a bill designed to equalize the population between the First and Second Congressional Districts and leave the Third and Fourth to the demand that comes from Norfolk and Newport News for separate representatives in Congress. It is believed that such a bill as Senator Smith proposes will be adopted.

The Colts Won. In a game of ball which was played yesterday afternoon at Highland Park between the Chestnut Hills and the Colts, the Chestnut Hills were defeated by the score of 5 to 3. After five innings the game was called on account of rain, although the Chestnut Hills were willing to continue.

Junior Oakwood Association. The annual meeting of the Junior Oakwood Memorial Association will take place to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the brick chapel at St. John's Church. The president requests a full attendance, as officers will be elected and other important matters disposed of.

Association to Meet. The Woman's Christian Association will meet at their rooms, No. 709 East Franklin Street, to-morrow at noon.

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How Thousands Get Well.

I have actual records of over half a million chronic cases which I have cured in the past 19 years—cured them with my Restorative—cured them on just the terms that I offer you. My offer is this:— Simply mail me this coupon, or write me a postal card which book you need. I will then mail you an order on your druggist for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative. You may take it a month on trial. If it succeeds, the cost is \$5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself. And your mere word shall decide it. My Restorative is the leading remedy of the world to-day. I have furnished it on those remarkable terms to nearly 55,000 people, and 99 out of each 100 have paid for it gladly, because they were cured. In practically every neighborhood everywhere there are cured ones telling others about it. There are 30 chances in 40 that it will cure you, and I'll take the entire risk.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative on Trial

Snap Shots Taken In Hotel Lobbies

Former Judge John H. Fulton, of Wythe county, is spending a few days in the city, and is at Murphy's. Judge Fulton is a one-legged soldier and was captain of the Wythe Grays, and lost a leg at the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was fighting with Jackson in the "Stonewall Brigade." Judge Fulton was a prominent member of the House in the session of 1899-70, and it is a coincidence that he had the very seat in that body then which is now occupied by Hon. S. S. Blumstein. Judge Fulton was given a hearty reception by his friends on the floor of the House on yesterday.

Among the guests registered at Murphy's is Judge Calloway Brown, of Bedford, who is here looking after some private business. Judge Brown's presence here has started the political tongues to the wagging on the line that he will likely be a candidate for a seat in the Senate this fall to succeed Hon. Graham Clifton, whom it is understood, will stand for reelection. The friends of Governor Calloway's Attorney, of Bedford, and who in that event is inhibited from running for the Senate at the same time under the new Constitution. In addition to Judge Brown, it is heard that Hon. J. Thompson Brown, member of the recent Constitutional Convention from Bedford, may also stand for the seat now occupied by Senator Chaytor.

"The next Legislature is likely to contain a great many of the present county judges, whose offices will become abolished by force of the new Constitution in February next," said a prominent Democrat at the Jefferson on the other night. "Already," he continued, "I know of a number of them, who are looking to legislative honors. It is heard that Hon. J. Thompson Brown, member of the recent Constitutional Convention from Bedford, may also stand for the seat now occupied by Senator Chaytor."

"I do not believe there is any more important subject before the present Legislature than that of good roads," said Maj. H. A. Edmondson, of Halifax, who has introduced a bill in the House on this line, and who is the chairman of the Board of Supervisors in his county. "My bill is being considered by the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns," he continued, "and I am very hopeful of its passage. We have taken time to the forelock in my county and have bought rock crushers and other implements necessary to put our roads in good repair, but I want to see the whole State to forward on this line, and I believe the passage of my bill will be of great help."

Judge J. F. West, of the County Court of Sussex, and Judge-elect of the new Third Circuit, who won over Hon. Robert Trimball after such a terrific fight in the caucus last year for the latter place, is in the city, and is stopping at Murphy's. Judge West is in fine health and spirits and is ready to assume the judicial robes of the higher tribunal to which he has been chosen, when the time for doing shall arrive, under the new Constitution, next year.

Col. Francis I. Smith, of Alexandria, and Hon. A. P. Thom, of Norfolk, both strong and popular members of the recent Constitutional Convention, are in the city, and were among their friends in the lobbies last night. Messrs. Smith and Thom are here on private business, and may remain for several days.

Hon. A. Moss, Mayor of Newport News, is in the city, and was on the floor of the House yesterday. Mayor Moss is said to have the gubernatorial bid in his bonnet, though he has not yet said whether or not he will run. He is said to be a very capable man, and is well known in the city.

For sale by Thrift Drug Co.

PASSED THE STATE PHARMACY BOARD

A List of Those Who Were Successful at the Late Examination.

The following is a list of those who successfully passed the State Board of Pharmacy, among them being a colored woman: Registered pharmacists—G. H. Barksdale, W. B. Carper, W. Fred Dowell, G. H. Ehol, Preston Humley, G. T. Hogg, Joseph E. Jackson, F. N. Kerr, S. A. Vello, C. C. Martin, A. L. Pedigo, C. W. Taylor, E. C. Toome, W. T. Wood, C. S. Williamson, M. J. Browning, F. A. Rice, Karl Staehr, F. H. McMillen, R. L. Hooker, W. H. Smith, C. F. Glendene, Assistant registered—E. C. Bryce, T. W. Edmunds, J. W. Simmons, Arthur Richards, H. L. Burruss, F. C. Congdon, W. S. Cavado, E. D. Coleman, John W. Devine, Julius R. Jones, John T. Kenner, T. C. Maddox, G. T. Turner, A. M. Vaughan, C. E. Walton, R. B. Parker, R. K. Akers, Nellie E. Benson.

Grand Spring Opening Beautiful Millinery.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24th and 25th. MRS. CELIA KASS, 603 E. Broad St., No Cards. Up-Stairs.

LICENSES HIGHER

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Men Running Big Saloons Were Assessed Five Hundred Dollars.

In view of the protest that has been raised against the city liquor license increase, the statement is made that thirty years ago, when Richmond was much smaller and money was not nearly so free as it is now, the liquor dealers paid a much higher license than it is proposed to impose upon the saloons to-day.

In support of this statement it will be shown on the floor of the Council that in 1869 whiskey men were divided into six classes by the ordinance, which is given below: Section 9, chapter 13.—Sellers by the wholesale or retail of wines, spirituous liquors, or any mixture thereof, in the first class, shall pay a license tax of \$500; if of the second class, a license tax of \$100; if of the third class, \$200; if of the fourth class, \$100; if of the fifth class, \$50; if of the sixth class, \$25. And this shall be in addition to any tax he may pay at a merchant or shop-keeper or auctioneer.

MILKMAIDS' CONVENTION

Delighted a Large Audience at South Boston Thursday Night. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) A most interesting and entertaining event of the week was the "Milkmaids' Convention," held in III's Opera House Thursday night. A large audience greeted the fair maidens, and the proceedings were highly amusing. The object of the convention was to raise the necessary funds to pay for a piano, presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society to the Y. M. C. A. The debt was paid, and the society has money in bank to its credit. For two days the ladies of the Methodist Church have held a bazaar, at which everything good to eat was served at reasonable prices. Many fancy and useful articles were on sale. The amount realized was very handsome. The hot, damp weather during the week has made the wheat and grass unusually forward. Judge W. R. Barksdale has so far recovered his health as to be able to hold his Court on Monday. Mr. Hart Jordan, of Houston, who was a committee clerk of the Senate for several sessions, has gone to Colorado for his health. Mrs. J. D. Norwood is visiting her parents in Salisbury, N. C.

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LAST WEEK IN MARCH.

We intend making this sale the greatest bargain-giver that we have had this year. We want all our customers to take advantage of these low prices. Observe the prices we quote:

Thin-Blown Tumblers. We offer for this week a Thin-Blown Tumbler, that is a ready seller at 75c. a dozen, at each 4c	Haviland's French China. We are going to put on sale for one week an open stock pattern of Haviland's Fine French China, and to move it we will mark it at less than factory prices. Don't miss this.	56-Piece Tea Set. One of our specials for this week is a German China Tea Set, 56 pieces, with a handsome floral design, at \$4.53
Egg Cups. The Double Egg Cup, in decorated German china, at 10c In Plain White we offer them at, each 5c	56-Piece Cottage Dinner Set. This set of 56 pieces, everything needed to set table for 8 people at any meal, decorated porcelain, a fine piece of ware, only \$6.55	Combination Grater. Combination Nutmeg and Coconut Grater, cheap at 10c, this week at, each 4c
"Sevres" Plates. We offer a White Fancy Border Raw Oyster Plate, that sold at \$1.00 a dozen, for, each 4c	Japanese Waiters. 15-Inch Japanese Waiters, usually sold at 25c, our price this week, each 10c	Tea Cups and Saucers. An Imported China Tea Cup and Saucer, that is well worth \$1.50 a dozen, for, a set 50c

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